

12/28/18 SMC Board of Directors meeting

In attendance: KB9OWD, K9WX, WT2P, KM9M, WW9R, WB9Z, NV9L, K9ZO, K9CT, K9QQ, W9XT, AB9YC present. Via Skype AA9A and K9GY. That is 14 in total.

Appointed officers: KM9M, and NV9L in attendance

This number constituted as quorum for this SMC BoD meeting, with incoming members in attendance as non-voting members.

President's Overview Report

Craig opened the meeting with an overview of SMC performance over the last 12 months.

- Craig said he has been President for several years and doesn't intend to run for another term so that he can pursue other contest related projects. He hopes someone else will "step up" and be President. However, if someone doesn't want to run he will consider running again so the club doesn't lose momentum.
- We came in 1st place again in NAQP challenge this year; 57% participation from members
- 2nd win for us in CAa QSO party.
- SMCfest more successful this year; with 107 that signed up.
- Both Contest U and SMCfest brought us new members
- Members very active and enjoy reflector

The BoD reviewed the minutes of 2017. Pat WW9R motioned approval of the 2017 minutes Ryan KB9OWD seconded and it was unanimously Approved

We are now officially a 501-c-7 with the SMC having its own tax ID # from the IRS.

2018 Treasurer's Report

Val NV9L read the 2018 financial summary through 12/16/18. K9QQ motioned to approve and AB9YC seconded. It was unanimously Approved

Val NV9L agreed to file 990 form by May 15th

2018 Secretary's Report

Sig KM9M read the SMC roster info: 342 calls in roster as of 12/28/18; 330 are personal calls and 12 are club calls. There are 24 family memberships that cover 49 members for \$240 p/year. There has only been 1 request for hardship in 2018. 43 members are unpaid as of today. 1 student, 2 family memberships, 40 regular members. KB9VT email bounced back. After Jan 15th Sig will send an email telling them that they will be dropped if dues not paid. Sig will shut off their reflector around Jan 15th. 299 paid so far. Gained 15 members after W9DXCC/Contest U. Donations from members were \$495 with their dues. N9RV used \$400 stipend allocated for WRTC towards his SMC dues.

Appointed Officers Nominations

Nominations were opened up for Membership Secretary and Treasurer. Ralph K9ZO motioned to nominate Sig and Val respectively. CJ WT2P seconded the motion. There were no further discussions. They were both unanimously approved.

2019 Discussions

Life Membership - We discussed doing life membership and it was decided not to do life memberships at this time.

Dayton Contest Dinner - At the 2018 Hamvention; we filled 4 ten-person tables. Jerry WB9Z agreed to take on Bill's role of Contest table master.

Contest Supersuite Sponsorship - Last year we donated \$250 to the Supersuite sponsorship. NV9L motioned to donate another \$250 this year. It was seconded by KB9OWD and unanimously approved. Eric will coordinate putting up the banner. Sig will coordinate with Teri sponsorship and payment.

Future of Contest Scoring – Craig K9CT, discussed his project to try to get real time contest scoring; not just for raw score leaderboards. Perhaps start with NAQP and practice with CWT's. Also discussed how to Log check with real scoring.

SMC-fest – Discussion

- The boards thanks Bill K3WA for his many years of service to the SMC over the years.
- Talked about presenting the topic of Real time contest scoring.
- Will do arena seating and lunch downstairs to accommodate more people. Up to 140. We had 104 attendees in 2018.
- Medicis again this year. Sig will check on last year's deposit of \$187.50
- Keep full schedule and make note to email that social night is Friday
- Raffle – Start fundraising again this year for 2022 WRTC in Italy. We were 15th out of 198 clubs for the team competition based on individual club member contributions. The SMC club was 4th out of 32 US clubs. We sponsored 3 tents. 2nd highest US club tent sponsorship. We still need to determine what we want to raffle
- CJ made a motion to budget \$400 for 2019 SMCfest. Val seconded and it was unanimously approved.

SMC Internal Competition (League/Leaderboard) – Craig brought up the idea of having an SMC year-long contest leaderboard using different levels and perhaps handicapping, modeled after NCCC KB award. A committee was set up to work on getting this implemented by contest season (fall 2019-Summer 2020). The volunteers for the committee to compile member data for an internal competition so far are W9XT, AB9YC, WT2P, and NV9L.

2018 WRTC Stipend - Val will contact N4TZ to see if he wants his \$250 stipend for WRTC

~~~~~Lunch Break~~~~~

**Plaques** – in 2018 we spent the following: ARRL \$1800, WI QP \$100, IN QP \$54, IL QP \$100, and CQ \$250. We discussed moving CQ (WWOF) plaque money to the SMC internal awards, since the winners are very rarely from SMC territory. NV9L motioned to allocate same budget for all of the plaques with

the exception of \$0 to CQ plaques and \$250 to the internal plaques/awards. WW9R seconded and it was unanimously approved.

AB9YC motioned and WB9Z seconded budgeting \$2350 for internal SMC members only plaques and awards. It was unanimously approved.

**Scholarships** – NV9L motioned and KB9OWD seconded a 2019 budget of \$360 for SMCfest & Contest U scholarships. It was unanimously approved.

**Email Reflector** – Everyone thanked Scott KA9FOX for all his hard work on the reflector. We decided to leave the small file attachment capability on reflector. We discussed the possibility of having 2 reflectors; 1 for contest scores only and the other for all other SMC business and/or questions. We decided to keep just 1 reflector.

CJ will look into archiving all SMC reflector emails to have a searchable format.

**NAQP Club Competition** - Thanks to Tim for all his work for the NAQP club competition.

**Contest Activity Committee** - Thanks to Pat WW9R, Anthony AB9YC and CJ WT2P for all their contest manager work. AB9YC Anthony will remain chief motivator and statistician for NAQP. CJ will remain cheerleader. Pat will continue to enter teams and team names. SMC team rules: SMC has to be in the name and team #1 needs to be competitive. We will be asking for participants to let Pat know their estimated QSOs for NAQP. This will help WW9R put together the most competitive team #1. We also discussed making sure we count all the logs we can. We may be missing an SMC member whose grid square is outside of the circle, but will be operating from another contest station that's grid square is inside the circle. We will try to ask for anyone that fits the above to let WW9R know...especially when competing in an ARRL contest.

**W9SMC call activation** – We also plan to send reminders to use the club call. Advantages - Someone else does the QSL cards. Good to use in state QSO parties.

**SMC/Contester Recruiting** – We need to keep growing in order to keep up with SK or retirees moving out of area. Ryan will still keep up with going after new recruits from 3830 postings, QSO parties and field day. We also discussed having SMC business cards with website. SMC members can hand these out at field day, QSO parties and local ham clubs. Pat WWR motioned and Jerry WB9Z seconded to budget \$100 for 1000 business cards. It was unanimously approved. Valerie will order the cards.

The board discussed the desire to continue working on increasing membership activity in contests. Participation in NAQP was 57%, which means there are 43% of members that didn't get on or submit a score. Tim will survey the ARRL logs to see if he can determine our members who have never submitted an ARRL log to the ARRL. The goal will be to communicate with them and determine what the club can offer and how we can help get them more active in contests.

Gary will put together a sample survey as to why SMC hams do not participate in contests. Gary brought up the idea of updating the website to include list of Elmers with their specialty so members have resources to email off reflector. Plan is to find out who isn't contesting, then find out why, then find a solution.

Craig discussed that there does not seem to be a lot of interest in NACC unless there is an active trustee. We need to take a more active role in fostering the new contesters that will replace us. Craig suggested we invite college students to our home stations. Craig wants to offer an award for worked all or most college club stations. We did not need to allocate any money to awards for NACC as Icom is picking up all the awards.

Anthony suggested we put some self-help videos "how to's" on the resources page of the SMC website. CJ will help with website. Gary W9XT and Val NV9L already have made a bunch and will send them to CJ. Once up, we can determine what we need and ask SMC members to create them for the website.

**Final Thoughts –**

Eric suggested we find a way to approach more science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) people; this may be where we find future hams and contesters.

Val brought up the idea to move some of the cash to a very conservative investment; like a 6-month CD so we can earn money on the money that is just sitting there not earning us anything. CJ WT2P made a motion to invest \$7500 of our cash in checking to a short-term conservative investment. Anthony AB9YC seconded and it was unanimously approved. Craig will look in to using the same "funds" that CW Ops is using, since he manages their investments.

Val read the 2019 budget numbers:

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| SMCfest                          | \$400.00   |
| Web Hosting                      | \$60.00    |
| Contest U/Supersuite Sponsorship | \$250.00   |
| Bank & Paypal fees               | \$270.00   |
| Voting costs                     | \$45.00    |
| ARRL & State QSO party Plaques   | \$2,100.00 |
| SMC internal awards              | \$250.00   |
| SMCfest & Contest U scholarships | \$360.00   |
| SMC eyeball cards                | \$100.00   |
|                                  | \$3,835.00 |

Tim suggested we go after those who were active in college, went dormant through raising family years and getting those back. We need to find a way to find them.

Pat WW9R, Ryan KB9OWD and Tom AA9A were thanked for all their hard work as they passed on their directorship to the newest directors.

Craig suggested SMCers host a contest night at a local restaurant to learn about contesting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted on 1/2/19 by Valerie Hotzfeld NV9L